Shortage of Water in Delhi

1584. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR :

SHRI SURESH PACHOURN :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Delhi is likely to face acute water shortage during the next few months of summer ;

(b) what arrangements are being made to meet the situation ;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce water rationing due to its scarcity in the capital ;

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of consumers living in first and second floors in New Delhi zone areas have installed power motors direct with the water supply lines with the result that the other residents are not getting any water supply ; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take against such unscruplous persons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Areas situated at higher elevation and tail end of the distribution system face some shortage during summer months.

(b) The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that as per information available with them, the Government of Haryana has released 200 cusecs more water in addition to 400 cusecs i.e. total water release is 600 cusecs. The position is likely to improve but shortage will still be felt because of gap between demand and supply.

To further augment the supply DWS & SDU propose to commission 2 rainy wells giving an yield of about 5 MGD in Alipur Block during this summer. In addition, 40 tubewells have been commissioned and 30 more are likely to be completed. The total yield from these tubewells is likely to be about 3 MGD. A water treatment plant of 100 MGD is being set up at Haiderpur. It is proposed to commission the 1st phase (20 MGD) during this summer.

(c) No Sir.

(d) A few complaints have come to the notice of the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking.

(e) The DWS & SDU has reported that Public has been advised through press media not to use on line boosters. Zonal staff has been directed to survey the areas under their jurisdiction and control to detect consumers who have installed on-line boosters and issue notices to such consumers to remove the on-line boosters failing which to disconnect water supply.

Uniform lending norms by financial institutions

1585. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Indian Express, Delhi, dated 10th March, 1992, about the absence of uniform lending norms by funding institutions like LIC, HUDCO and National Housing Bank affecting the promotion of housing activities in Tamil Nadu ; and

(b) whether Government have examined the norms prescribed by the funding institutions and if so, what are the details thereof.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Lending norms in respect of HUDCO Limited is prescribed by Government of India. The objective being to make available specified proportion of finance to projects for economically weaker section and low income groups on concessional terms and consistent with the financial

viability of the Corporation. The lending rates of HUDCO are therefore more concessional than other housing finance institutions. Lending norms including rates of interest for banks are prescribed by Reserve Bank of India. The lending rate for LIC are fixed by it. In respect of housing finance companies (HFCs) including LIC Housing Finance Limited, housing loan eligible for refinance from the National Housing Bank (NHB) are governed by the uniform norms and interest rates laid down by the National Housing Bank. These rates are exclusive of interest tax.

Financing pattern for HUDCO schemes and NHB refinance scheme are given in the Annexure. (See Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No. 29).

Creation and utilisation of irrigation potential

1586. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a gap between the creation and utilisation of irrigation potential in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cumulative gap between creation and utilisation of irrigation potential till the end of Seventh Plan Period was 8.32 million hectares.

(c) the Government is implementing the Command Area Development Programme for reducing the gap between potential created and utilised and has also taken a series of measures for improving water management practices to bridge the gap. In addition, the States have also been asked to re-appraise the figures of potential created in order to correct over-reporting, if any.

Subansiri Multipurpose project

1587. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present position of the Subansiri Multipurpose project ;

(b) by when the construction of the project is likely to be started ; and

(c) whether Government of Arunachal Pradesh has agreed upon for the project ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (c) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has not agreed for taking up the Project. It will be necessary to complete the on-going surveys and investigations and sanction the project. Before starting the construction work it will be also necessary to get the concurrence of the Arunachal Pradesh.

Flood forecast in Assam

1588. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to forecast flood in Assam;

(b) whether the Central Water Commission has been modernised for this purpose ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) In addition to the existing net-work of 23 stations to forecast floods in Assam, it is proposed to set up 11 more stations in a phased manner.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Benefit to flood affected people in Assam

1589. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any benefit has been derived by the flood affected people from the